

In re Application of  
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For: PROCESS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF SOLDERABLE AND  
FUNCTIONAL SURFACES ON CIRCUIT CARRIERS

Honorable Commissioner of  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This Amendment is made to the claims, as follows:

3. (Amended) Process according to [one of the preceding claims]  
Claim 1, wherein the at least one solderable surface is formed by  
depositing at least one solderable layer of metal by means of  
chemical reduction or cementation.
6. (Amended) Process according to [one of the preceding claims]  
Claim 1, wherein the at least one bondable surface is produced to  
serve as a functional surface.